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THROWS BOOM FOR BISHOPS IN A. M. E. ZION CHURCH

ZIONITES PREDICT HOT FIGHT

The Meeting Will Be Held at Philadelphia in 1908—Mentions Drs. J. W. Colbert and G. L. Blackwell.—J. W Johnson Consul to Venezuela.

Staff Correspondence.

Now that nearly two years have elapsed since the last meeting of the General Conference of the A. M. E. Zion Church, there is a well-defined disposition on the part of the members and friends of that connection to "get busy" at the work of "lining up" in battle array, in order that certain cherished policies may be promoted and the interests of various candidates for official preferment may be duly protected and advanced. For a long time there has been a smoldering excitement on these points, and some very effective steps have been quietly taken by influential leaders to shape things for the next quadrennial session, but the edict of the Bishops that nothing be said in the official organs likely to bring about divisions and unrest among the rival forces has, until recently, chilled out any public demonstration in behalf of persons and measures, and on the surface, "booms" and plans were at a standstill. At the Tuskegee conference of the Connectional Council, however, the "lid" was lifted, and the business of exchanging views and sparring for place may now be said to be "wide open." The lifting of the aforesaid lid discloses that the quietude supposed to exist was all a myth, and a veritable Pandora's box of ambitions, aspirations, plots and counterplots, and combinations for offense and defense, are laid bare to the world. Beyond a few minor changes in the church discipline, looking to the correction of some glaring errors in administration, and the matter of organic union with the C. M. E. connection, little or no discussion as to measures is apparent at this time. That will come along in due season. As such issues are usually settled by agreement among a "baker's dozen" of the wiseacres, they never set the masses into half the ferment occasioned by the selection of the men and women who will be called upon to administer the laws of the church at large. Notwithstanding the fact that not a delegate has been chosen so far, and despite the further fact that many of the existing phases of the situation may be radically altered at the meeting of the Connectional Council at Norfolk, in August of this year, the plan of campaign adopted by the bulk of the candidates is pretty well understood throughout the country, and practically everybody knows just what the rival elements are driving at. No one is backward about letting it be known just what he wants, and it is now up to the annual conferences to reveal, through the complexion of the delegates they elect, who they favor for the several assignments. The feeling is quite general that there is nothing discreditable in being anxious to serve Christ and the church in the highest possible stations, and numbers of the "straight-laced" contingent who formerly frowned upon the idea that a minister should seek elevation unsolicited by the masses are welcoming the announcement of actual candidacies of individuals, and are indorsing the discussion of the same in the Star of Zion, Seer and Zion Methodist, so that by the time the General Conference meets in 1908, the merits and demerits of the ambitious ones may be well established. Thus equipped with reliable information, the delegates will be amply prepared to select the best talent offered, and the likelihood of mistakes is reduced to a minimum. It is safe to assume that unless a man be worthy, capable and in every way acceptable, it will be impossible for him to stand for two years or more under the white light of public scrutiny, without his unfitness being discovered. The rank and file of Zionists are opposed to "dark-lantern methods," "still-hunt campaigns" or "star-chamber stealth" in filling the offices at the disposal of the church. They correctly regard the selection of the general superintendents and the apportioning of men for the pastorate of the leading stations as of infinitely greater importance than legislation, for they have found by bitter experience that the blame for the shortcomings of the church lies in a far greater degree at the door of the lax and incompetent administrators of the law than because of any fault in the legislation itself. The fight for place at Philadelphia, in 1908, will thus be "in the open," and upright referees will see to it that there is a "square deal" all around.

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This is an era when especial qualification for duties sought is strenuously insisted upon in every walk of life, be the sphere commercial, industrial, social or ecclesiastical. At the next General Conference of the Zionites it is predicted that personal popularity will count for much less than at any previous session within the history of the church. The best hand-shaker and most gifted politician does not always make the best Bishop or executive officer. Character, experience, breadth of vision and willingness to abide by the laws are the tests that the people want applied to all who present themselves as candidates for promotion, and they purpose to do some scanning of records for themselves. No honest man ever suffers by investigation. The searchlight is being put into shape, and the proper focus will soon be found. Officers are wanted who will do the work assigned to them and give the church the best ability that is within them, instead of "hiking" around the country in quest of popularity and frittering away the hard-earned money of the general organization in profitless traveling expenses in a canvass for higher honors. Of this the church has had a sufficiency, and the right-thinking members are not biting their tongues in expressing their opinions on the subject.

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The Zionites now have eight Bishops, and a total membership approximating 600,000. By the election of Drs. Smith and Caldwell in 1904 the number of Bishops was carried to ten, but since the beginning of the present quadrennium Bishops I. C. Clinton and J. B. Small have died, again reducing the bench to eight. With the venerable Bishop Hood incapacitated and Bishop Harris in poor health, the working bench is really down to six. It goes without the saying that the welfare of the church is sadly jeopardized by this state of affairs, and the sentiment is growing that the Conference of 1908 should provide against a possible repetition of this contingency by electing Bishops to a number that will not only safeguard the interests of the church as it stands, but which will allow for a natural expansion into new territory, and lay the foundation of a "Greater Zion." Two will be necessary for a restoration of the bench to its normal strength; two more will be required to assume the burdens that can no longer be efficiently borne by Bishops Hood and Harris, and at least one episcopate ought to be chosen as a precautionary measure against further deaths or superannuations, and for the development of the church as a whole. Five Bishops ought to be elected in 1908, and if the wisdom of the progressive factors of the body prevails, five it will be. The additional men will more than pay for themselves by the increased revenues growing out of closer and more compact supervision and the extension of the borders of episcopal endeavor.

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Who shall the new men be? That is a vital question, and the answer will not be given hastily. Two years will allow ample time for sober reflection. The flower of Zion's ministry is offered for consideration, and it is for the most part seasoned material, and well known to the body of the church. To an unprejudiced observer, the very capable General Secretary, Dr. G. L. Blackwell, is far in the lead at this time, and his election may be safely predicted. Usually the financial secretaryship may be counted upon as a sure stepping stone to the bishopric, and the incumbent, in nearly every instance in the last half century, has been elevated to the bench; but there seems to be a strong doubt as to the advancement of Dr. M. R. Franklin, for reasons which are patent to the people, but which no one desires to discuss, except to say that the reluctance to pass him on is not due to any moral delinquency or personal objection. The fear seems to be that he has scarcely the executive strength demanded of a chief pastor at this critical period in the progress of the church, and he may have to wait. It may be that he will be re-elected Financial Secretary, although Dr. J. S. Jackson is a warm applicant for the place, and will not be easily defeated. This phase of the situation is not apt to crystallize definitely for some months yet, for in the event of Dr. Franklin's failure to go up, it will probably be offered to some disappointed aspirant for the bishopric as a consolation prize—with a "better luck next time" attachment. From the South, strongly backed for the bishopric, will come Dr. A. J. Warner, of North Carolina, well known as "The Swamp Angel." Dr. B. F. Wheeler, of Alabama, is a good second in the race from this section. The North and East have quite a formidable array of talent in the field. The magnificent work of Dr. S. L. Corrothers at Galbraith Church, Washington, regarded as a spiritual graveyard prior to his advent, will entitle him to serious attention. Dr. E. H. Curry, now of the Philadelphia-Baltimore Conference, who made a good showing in a hopeless race in 1904, and who is one of Zion's wheel horses, will try conclusions again.

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The prettiest fight, however, and the most interesting feature now offered in the episcopal tournament of 1908, will be the contest among the gladiators of the West. This territory does not begin to take rank with the South or East in numerical strength, but it is lavishly blessed with able, intelligent and ambitious shepherds, and in political acumen they show unmistakable signs of having imbibed freely from the fountain largely patronized by the secular element of that strenuous vicinity. For several months the names of Drs. W. H. Chambers, of the Missouri Conference, and Robert S. Rives, of the Kentucky Conference, have been upon every tongue within the purview of Zion politics, and there has been no little speculation as to the outcome. Both have assurances of support from their respective conferences, and will come to Philadelphia with their home forces well organized. Besides this, each has a host of friends in other sections of the country, who unanimously agree that the West has been ignored too long, and that the hour for the granting of delayed justice has now come. There isn't the slightest doubt that the extension of the Zion work into the undeveloped West has been decided upon and it is certain that one or more seats upon the bench will be accorded the church there. A native of Kentucky, Dr. Chambers has been longer in this field than Dr. Rives, and was voted for at St. Louis liberally. Although the Smith-Caldwell combination was too strong for any outsider to break through, with the elective number restricted to two, Dr. Chambers was the second choice of many delegates, and he may be expected to reap the benefit of these pledges at the coming session. Nevertheless, Dr. Rives has grown rapidly here, and, in addition to his Kentucky following, is remarkably strong in the South, and will draw heavily in the East, by reason of his fruitful sojourn in Washington. He is a wonderfully active man, resourceful to the last degree, and unites vigor of body with a mind that has few equals anywhere in the ecclesiastical arena. Both he and Dr. Chambers enjoy an enviable reputation as financiers and theologians, and both have on many occasions, in their different bailiwicks, exhibited a zeal for good citizenship that has proven far-reaching and highly beneficial to the whole people. With such brilliant records to their credit, and with each so willing to give the church the weight of his extraordinary powers of head and heart, it will be difficult for the discriminating delegates to choose between them. Their friends are hoping that the vast possibilities of the Western field will so keenly appeal to the body—as well as the fact that it has been neglected so long—that they will take the bull by the horns, as it were, and elect both of them. If five Bishops are to be "made," why should not two be taken from the productive West? Why not elect both Chambers and Rives? This would simplify a hard problem and give universal satisfaction.

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In some quarters the name of Dr. J. B. Colbert has been proposed for the bishopric, but as Dr. Chambers is so overwhelmingly the favorite of the Missouri Conference, it will be impossible for Colbert to get a "look in" for episcopal honors at present. He is particularly eligible for General Secretary or Financial Secretary, however, and it is the expectation of his real friends that he will stand for one or the other of these offices, where he would be of the greatest usefulness. Rev. E. D. W. Jones is "in it" for one of the secretaryships, and will probably be permitted to say whether he will take the general or missionary work, it being practically agreed that the two will be separated. It is too far ahead to determine whether or not there will be a change in the publication department. Dr. G. C. Clement, editor of the Star of Zion, is not a miracle performer, hence he has not been able to please everybody. Nevertheless, he has been conscientious and industrious, and has given the church a clean, high-toned paper, and his valued services will not be overlooked when the voting begins. Rev. J. Harvey Anderson, who gave Dr. Clement a close run at St. Louis, will be in the race again, as will also Rev. W. H. Davenport, who threw his strength to Clement at the crucial moment at St. Louis, and clinched the election of the latter. If Dr. Clement should determine to retire, the odds are that Davenport will be his successor. There is reason to believe that Dr. J. F. Moreland will remain as Business Manager, and that Dr. W. H. Coffey, Secretary of Church Extension; Prof. S. G. Atkins, Secretary of Education, and Dr. J. T. McMillan, Secretary of Varick Christian Endeavor, will hold over, although it is possible there will be some revision of the scope and purpose of the V. C. E. Editors Dancy, and Bruce, Prof. W. H. Goler, at Livingstone, and the minor assistants will probably remain as they are. Dr. Goler is suspected of having designs on the bishopric, but may be willing to wait until 1912. Dr. J. Edward Mason is suggested as an alternative proposition for Secretary of Education, should Prof. Atkins find it ex-

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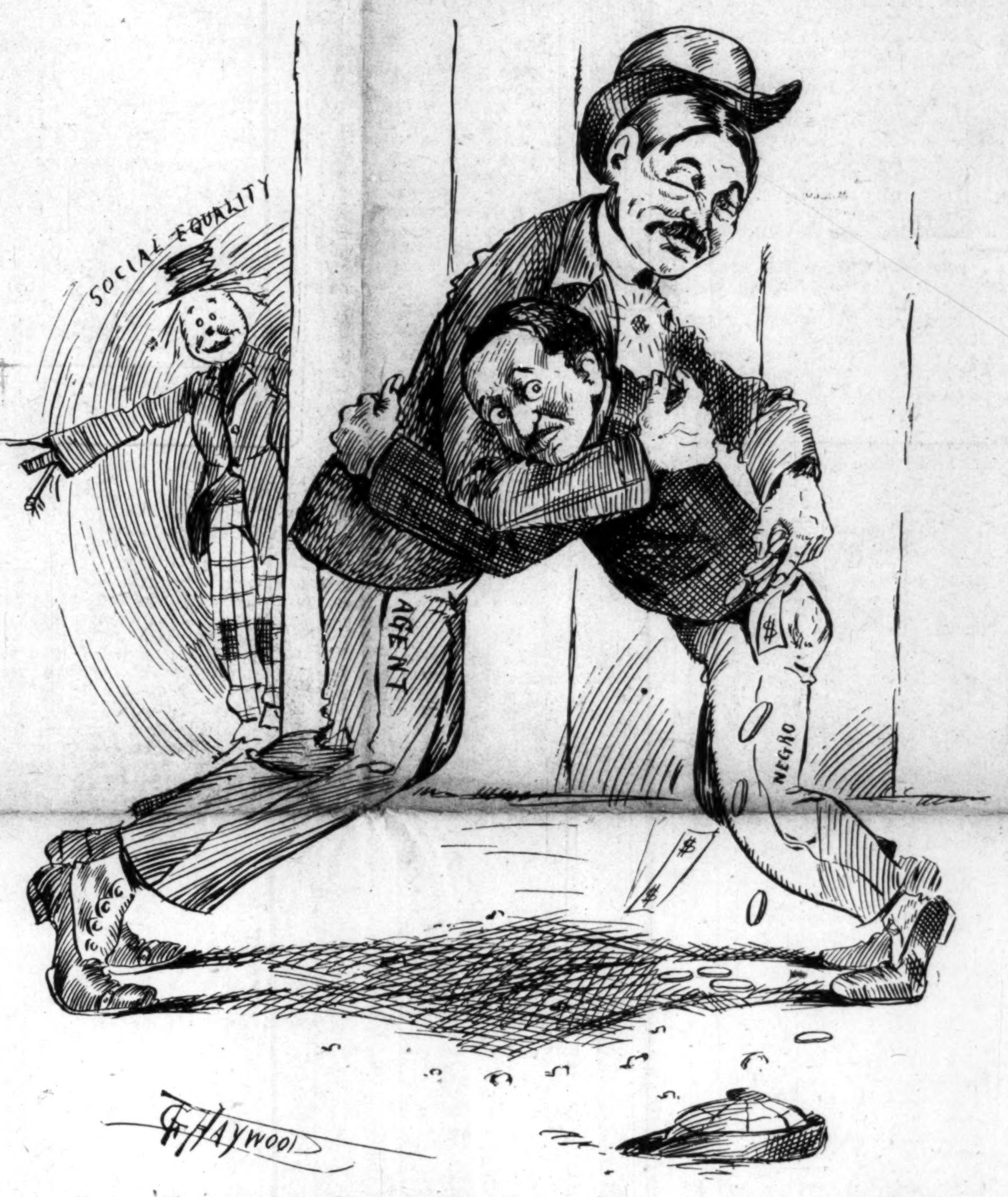
HOW LOVELY?



Social Equality Is Kept In The Rear, When Money Is In Sight.

BISHOP SMITH ANSWERS

DR. D. A. GRAHAM'S STATEMENTS REPUDIATED BY MINISTERS

EVERY BISHOP WANTS REFORM

No Effort Made to Disrobe Bishop at Conference.—Not a Penny Received One Bishop's Gift to the Poor Annually Averages $350.

Editor The Freeman:

With all the care and diligence possible I have been studying the article of Rev. D. A. Graham, D. D., in your issue of February 10, 1906, in order to try and satisfy myself as to the motives prompting his attacks on the A. M. E. Church and of his seeming indirect indorsement of me. It is with a very great degree of reluctance that I ask you to give publicity to the following:

First—During the time that I had charge of the work of the A. M. E. Church in Louisiana, Dr. Graham was pastor of St. James A. M. E. Church in New Orleans, and neither he nor any one else presented me with charges of an immoral nature against any minister of the A. M. E. Church, either in or outside of Louisiana. If there were any drunkards or grafters among the ministers of the A. M. E. Church in Louisiana during Dr. Graham's stay there, he failed to see them, and if he saw them, or knew of them, failed to mark them at the Annual Conference, and thus bring the matter directly to the attention of the presiding Bishop. During my bishopric in Louisiana or elsewhere I was never presented with charges against any minister for immoral conduct.

Second—I do not agree with Dr. Graham's statement that there was a "gigantic effort" made to "disrobe" me at the last General Conference, and that I was sent to South Africa as a punishment for my "fight against drunkards and grafters," and that the attack on me was encouraged by "shouting Bishops." I have felt, and still feel most keenly, the sting of this statement. It is an indorsement that does not indorse, either directly or indirectly. It is certainly not to my liking to have my name paraded before the public in any such manner.

Third—Whatever desire I may have to see the "church set right," I am quite sure, is shared by every Bishop of the A. M. E. Church. There are proper channels through which to bring charges against members of the church, whether they be laymen, ministers or Bishops. Rumors are one thing and specific charges which a man is willing to stand behind are another thing. Reform in any given direction lies not altogether with the Bishops. It is necessary for some one to come forward with his charges and stand by them. It is no part of a Bishop's duty to play the role of a detective. From the standpoint of a civil law maxim, he must believe that a man is innocent until he is proven guilty. I most solemnly and earnestly repudiate Dr. Graham's statement that I made a fight on ministerial drunkards and grafters in Louisiana, and regard it as an unjust reflection on the A. M. E. Church ministers in that State. I also most solemnly and earnestly repudiate the manner in which he connected my name with the last General Conference.

C. S. SMITH,
Detroit, Mich.

Moberly, Mo., Feb. 27, 1906.

Editor Freeman:

We do not believe that it is your purpose to have any one misrepresented through the columns of your valuable paper, and we take this method to correct a misrepresentation which leaves the wrong impression, in an article appearing in the issue of Feb. 24, and signed by the Rev. D. A. Gram.

The year 1904 found us, the Fifth Episcopal District, with a piece of property in Kansas City, Kans., which had been purchased for an Episcopal residence, valued at about $4,500, with an indebtedness of something less than a thousand dollars. For the two conference years following we asked free-will offerings from the people to pay said debt. These not being sufficient to meet the obligation, small appropriations were made to make up the deficiency, and we are glad to say that the debt has been canceled.

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IN THE
WOMAN'S
WORLD.

BY "DOROTHY."

This column is devoted to the interests of women. Address all communications to the Woman's Department, The Freeman, Indianapolis, Ind.

JUST SMILE AND FORGET.

Oh, do not be discouraged, little heart,
This world is not a wilderness of woe;
And if sometimes its brambles catch and tear.
Don't let the scratches vex you so.

For all the little worries that befall,
The small vexations that so grieve and fret,
Tomorrow they will vanish into air
Then smile, dear heart, just smile and then forget

And if today the skies are overcast,
Somewhere we know the sun is shining still;
Its silver radiance brims the lowering clouds,
And we may catch the glory if we will.

And it is good to strive though we should fail,
And good it is to suffer and be strong;
And if we lift our faces to the light,
The darkest day will ring to evensong.

And when our feet are weary, and the road
More toilsome seems with every passing day,
To share our every burden, little heart,
The Helper walks beside us all the way.
—Woman's Life.

The wife of Rev. O. L. W. Smith, formerly minister to Liberia is dead.

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Mrs. Elvie L. Stewart, the accomplished wife of Prof. Chas. Stewart is acting secretary to W. H Councill, at Normal, Ala.

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Miss Arletta Vaughn, a teacher of Russellville, is doing an excellent work as superintendent of the juvenile lodges of Good Samaritans of the Blue Grass State.

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Most married women imagine that they are mistresses of their own houses but that appears, unless they actually hold the deed to the property to be a snare and a delusion. "It should be distinctly understood," said Judge Swartz, of Norristown, Pa., "that the husband is master of his own home. The wife has no right to invite or admit her mother or any one else to the house against her husband's will." He added that the wife might go to see her mother whenever she wished, provided she did not neglect her husband in doing so, but he did not say that a man must bring up the coal and kindling before he went to see his mother.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE EXERCISES HELD

AN ADDRESS DELIVERED BY MISS NANNIE H. BURROUGHS.

Louisville, Ky., (Special.—The audience room of the Central Colored High School was taxed to its utmost capacity Saturday morning by a throng of representative people, who came out to witness the monthly exercises conducted by the Louisville Teachers' Institute. Prof. W. Pratt Annis presided, and he makes a model chairman, too. The program was rendered as follows, every number receiving a liberal measure of applause:

1. Opening Song—Intermediate Department of Main street schaal, conducted by Miss V. M. Simmons.
2. Invocation—Rev. L. Ferguson.
3. Minutes of the last meeting.
4. Chorus—"Sweet and Low," pupils of Main Street High School.
5. Paper—"Paddle Your Own Canoe," Miss Hallie Q. Jones.
6. Vocal Solo—Selected, Miss Sophia E. Johnson.
7. Paper—"A Day in Kindergarten," Miss Ida M. Clark.
8—A class recitation of beginners, with exhibition, led by Miss G. A. Evans.
9. Address—"What is the Parents' Duty to the Public School," Miss Nannie H. Burroughs.
10. Chorus—"Sigh Gentle Gale," pupils of Main street school.

The address of Miss Burroughs must be especially commended for its many practical suggestions to parents. The subject is an important one, and if the parents would come out and learn more of the duty they owe to the public schools and to their children who attend them, the cause of education would take a decided upward trend. The drill of beginners by Miss Evans provoked much amusement and afforded a splendid view of how little tots are being instructed by the association of objects with words, etc. Miss Sophia E. Johnson was heard at her best, and was accorded a well merited encore. The program was furnished by the Main Street School, of which Prof. S. B. Taylor is principal, and he deserves great credit for the exhibit supplied from his well-ordered building. Prof. Taylor is one of Louisville's most popular teachers, as the magnificent turn-out amply testified. Among the visitors who spoke briefly were Mrs. John B. Castleman, one of the Negro's best friends among the Caucasian race. She complimented the work of each contributor to the program, and explained some of the advantages of the newly-ordained Juvenile Court, urging the teachers to support it and assist in making it a success. Dr. J. E. Ford, president-elect of the State University, made felicitous remarks, and Prof. Charles Stewart responded to popular request by reciting with dramatic fervor D. Webster Davis' "Why We's Got to Go." For the next meeting, the first Saturday in April, the program will be furnished by Prof. J. S. Cotter's school, 8th and Kentucky streets, and a treat is promised.

MRS ELLA B GRAHAM.
An accomplished dramatic reader, a good missionary and charity worker.

Miss Nannie H. Burroughs has returned from a triumphal visit to Washington, where she attended the meeting of the Baptist Missionary Board, circulated before her hosts of friends and appeared before a packed house at Bethel Literary and Historical Association. Her paper, "The Out," was a splendid production, and was heartily approved by the distinguished persons who discussed it from the floor. Miss Burrough's is one of the race's most successful factors and is doing a phenomenal work for the uplift of the masses. As a platform orator she has no equal among the women of the race, and her appearance is always the signal for the gathering of a large audience.

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One of the Falls City's most graceful and accomplished dramatic readers is Mrs. Ella B. Graham, and her finished efforts in the histrionic arena have already attracted more than local attention. She is a graduate of the Central High School of Louisville, and during her school life she was in constant demand as a reader, and was regarded as the best drawing card at the various entertainments in which she participated. Much of her training has been derived from a natural talent for character portrayal and an ardent love for the work. Though delightfully original in her methods, she has had the advantage of witnessing the acting of numbers of the best performers in the country, and has studied them to immense profit to herself. She is a great admirer of Mrs. Fiske, Roselle Knott, Julia Marlowe and Viola Allen, and her style may be described as a composite picture of these famous artists, yet an imitation of none. Mrs. Graham has made the most of such training as she could acquire in the private studios of Louisville, and took an extensive course in elocution and delsarte in a prominent school of expression in Chicago. This has proven to be of great service to her, as the systematic study has given her such a splendid grasp of the details of the stagemfwypjffipp the details of stage-croft that she has been able to present several very creditable productions under her own direction, winning rich laurels in each instance. Mrs. Graham has devoted a large share of her available time to missionary and charitable work, and is known as one of the "pillars" of Jacob street Tabernacle in this city. Employing her own devices and depending upon her own fertility of resource for ideas, she has raised goodly sums for the cause, and on many occasions has led all of the clubs of her church in amount of funds collected for given purposes. She has been a delegate to three annual conferences, and her acquaintance throughout the general afficiary o fthe Zion denomination is such that it is not improbable that she will be designated by the next General Conference at Philadelphia for service on the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Board, a work to which she would brinfi exceptional gifts. In the near future Mrs. Graham expects to further equip herself in the elocutionary art by a course of study in New York under one of the recognized masters of the dramatic profession. Wherever her lot may be cast, Mrs. Graham's unfailing fidelity to duty and conscientious application to the task in hand will guarantee her the success that always comes to those who have learned to labor and to wait.

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Prof. Charles Stewart, the peripatetic representative of the Associated Press, has been with us, and has shaken the hand of 1,000,000,000—more or less—of his friends in the Falls Cities. This is "home" to the brilliant dean of the Negro National Newspaper Corps. In company with Dr. J. E. Ford and Mr. Carey B. Lewis he was the guest at dinner of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Thompson in New Albany on Wednesday evening. Dr. Ford is the new president of the State University, and has completely captivated the New Albany people.

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The funeral of Mr. James W. Taylor, proprietor of the Garden Exchange, took place at Jacob Street Tabernacle last Thursday. It was one of the largest the city has ever seen, and the floral offerings have never been surpassed. Rev. Adam Wakefield officiated.

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Mr. C. H. Bullock, an experienced worker in the cause of saving men, has arrived from Brooklyn, N. Y., and has taken charge of the colored Y. M. C. A. He has some elaborate plans for the enlargement of the scope of the institution here and will soon secure possession of a more commodious building on Chestnut street. Mrs. Bullock will join him later.

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Rev. L. G. Jordan is arranging to hold a monster mass meeting shortly under the auspices of the National Afro-American Council. He will be assisted by Mr. W. H. Steward, Miss Burroughs, D. L. Knight and the ministers, teachers and masses of the Carey B. Lewis has been spending the week in Frankfort.

Dr. J. F. Ford preached Sunday in Bowling Green.

At a recent reception to Bishop Clinton, Mr. D. L. Knight presented the guest of honor with a large and handsome leather telescope on behalf of Broadway A. M. E. Zion church.

Frank Walker, a colored detective from Wilkerson county, Ala., was in town the other day and paid his respects to Chief of Police Gunther.

PENCILINGS

PROF. DU BOIS ON JOHN BROWN

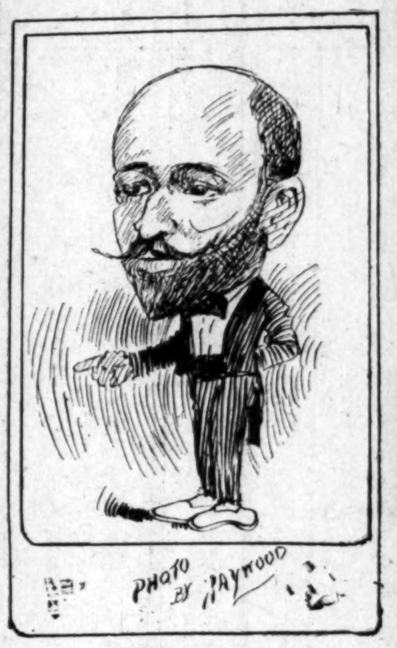
By W. Milton Lewis, Indianapolis, Ind.

Prof. DuBois of the Atlanta University, Atlanta, Ga., has been with us, telling the story of old John Brown, the famous insurrectionist. Unfortunately, it was not my pleasure to hear the distinguished scholar and author, but have made diligent inquiry for information as to the trend of his talk, learn that he dealt with the causes of slavery and the accentuating incidents up until the moment, psychological moment, if you please, when the doughty Brown began to make his decided chapter in the history of the country.

DuBois' masterfulness is not doubted. It is generally known that he is eminent authority on the slave period in America. He is out of the ordinary, it is admitted, but for some reason he left behind him a perplexed condition as it concerns the estimate of the lecture. Was he a too great a colossus? What was the mater with that lecture? Some say that it was too short, which, of course, is very excellent evidence in the professor's favor. Others insist that he talked about everything else except John Brown. The conclusion is, however, that the lecture, good, bad or indifferent, was unlike anything heard by the audience before. It simply escaped analysis— Just a trifle gosameric—fi'ne.

It is not saying too much to say that Prof. DuBois has no superior on the history of slavery in America, if an equal. He has had the very best advantages at home and abroad for scholastic training. His place is among the intelligent, ripe men of to-day, his popular forte being along the lines of political economy, civil government and kindred subjects. His conception of a John Brown lecture was foreign to that of the most that heard him. Too statistical is also charged. Flowers and some "gravy" were expected, when according to his idea of treatment nonspeculative cold facts were indulged in.

The DuBois visit gave opportunity for airing the respective relationships of the two apostles, Booker T. Washington and the professor to the race. As usual the pros and cons had their innings. Despite the protests of Mr. Washington he is considered holding the portfolio of industrialism equalling limited education, while DuBois is said to stand for ultra classicism in all of its catholicism. At any rate the great battle of race progression is being waged along those lines. DuBois is charged with belonging to the Boston crowd that hangs about the "Boston Guardian," which gathers inspiration from the classic shade of grand old Harvard. They are a brainy set of people but have rather stilted notions. Booker T. is pursuing the even tenor of his way, hammering it out along the lines essayed by the great utilitarian doctrine, the greatest good for the greatest number, and "let down your bucket where you are." He not alone In the language of Sir Roger DeCoverly, when he did not care to be offensive to either camp, much might be said on both sides of the question; we aren't all here to think alike.



PROF DU BOIS.

Musing on the John Brown incident, the thought comes, how shall posterity view John Brown? Our posterity? Negro posterity? How should they view him. The tendency is to hold him up as the martyred "saint" who died in our cause. He was, and he did Our posterity should be taught to love him because he loved us. But under the microscope John Brown results an insurrectionist—a rebel, when liberally construed. Yet he barely escapes canonization because of the greatness of his cause. In our blind devotion we are too likely to forget the definition of insurrection, sedition and such like. A place is accorded to him in history, and moreover in the hands of a liberty loving people that is not accorded any other man that has aimed a blow at the heart of the government. His memory is tolerated, loved and even his services somewhat appreciated because of what he did, in what service? (that of humanity) and in what hour? As Marc Antony has it, he is an honorable man. The world is not yet satisfied just what Marcus Antonius meant.

John Brown would have been an ideal in the cause of slavery had he contented himself with writing, speaking or any other peaceable means of arriving at his ends. He had illustrious company, Garrison, Phillip, Lovejoy, Stowe, Douglass and a host of others that confined their activities to agitation. But Brown overshot the mark set by the galaxy of immortals, and paid the toll of death ignominious, but to his credit, not in vain.

It was well for us that John Brown did not succeed beyond the further "concentrating" of the spiritual forces of war. Another country had a sort of John Brown in Oliver Cromwell of England, a greatly beloved man one that did succeed in "freeing" the subjects of a supposed tyrannical king Charles I, and established himself in the high court of the people of England. But in due time the people sought their own, repudiating decrees of rump courts and unsanctioned governments. The cry was for government by constituted authority. They sickened and tired of the species of usurpation and longed for the old order of things, and true. The inborn sense of the fitness of things often defies analysis, but the sense of response to repugnance is recorded in every breast. Freedom through the rightfully constituted agencies relieved us of the fearful possible consequences of freedom based on insurrection. I prefer to think of the freedom Lincoln brought, with its clear title, rather than that possible by John Brown Brown is to be thanked, revered, yea apostrophized, and all that for his great heart, the soul of courage. He was like another John, simply paving the way for the One to come that was greater. The analogy of the incidents is too fine to be disregarded, so beautiful that it is poetic, so prophetic as to appear fate.

John Brown and Abraham Lincoln—great in the affairs of the country, greater in the affairs of the negroes.

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Headwaiter.

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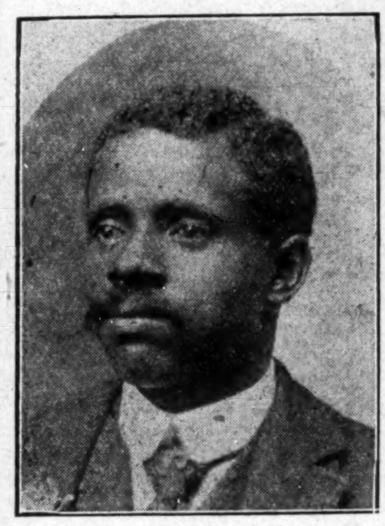
MERIDIAN, MISS.

Mr. and Mrs. B J. Cotton celebrated their china wedding at their home in thirtieth street Many presents were received and a large number of guests were present.—Miss Carrie Mitchell the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs J O. Mitchell died at their home, of consumption February 15 A father, mother, three brothers and two sisters survive her. She was a member of the First Baptist church, at which place the funeral services were conducted by Rev. A. L, Perkins.—Miss Mattie Johnson died February 18—Mrs. P. McCaleb, a well known member of the Zion Baptist church is dead—Wesley Moore a well-known blacksmith, age 80 years, was found dead in his shop February 22. He leaves a daughter son and several grand-children.



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HOUSTON, TEX.

The hotel waiters banquet March 2 was an up to date affair. The decorations were flowers and palms, S H Erwell was toasmaster, E Jones master of ceremonies and R J Hendricks delivered the welcome address. Prof. S. C. Isles' orchestra furnished the music. L N. Branch, of Oakland, Cal., is the guest of his sister—John Torres, who is employed at the Kirby Lumber Company has purchased a home at 1415 Robin street.—The Freeman can be secured from John Tanner.

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"THE BLACK PERIL."

The Globe-Democrat of March 4 contains a lengthy article signed by "Ex-Attache," on what is becoming known as the "Ethiopian Movement." This movement is described as an awakening of all the dark nations of Africa to the danger threatened them by the activity of the European nations. The Germans, Belgians, Portuguese and English have forcibly extended their trade relations with these tribes and nations, and have maintained them by the force of arms until the natives have become alarmed for the safety of their rights and are organizing against all the white inhabitants of the Dark Continent. This is called "the Ethiopian Movement." "Ex-Attache" claims that this movement was started by the work of the A. M. E. Church in America. He claims that this church, having gained a foothold in Africa, sent ministers there and that these ministers, knowing, as they did, the white man's ambitions and his treatment of the darker races, saw the danger that threatened them; saw the immense resources of Africa in men and materials; told them of their danger and of their strength if united, and preached salvation from sin through repentance and at the same time taught a salvation from white domination by advocating a union of all their force The article goes on to state that "the doctrine of Democratic equality which every American Negro has on the tip of his tongue is being preached from Ethiopian pulpit and platform. The blacks are being urged not to work for the white man, but for themselves." He further states: "A recent number of The Voice of Missions, the official organ of the African Methodist Church of America, expressed the hope that the blacks would drive the English out of South Africa in the same way the French had been pitched out of Hayti," and adds: "It is not altogether surprising that the British authorities should have placed obstacles in the way of the colored Bishop Coppin of the A. M. E. Church during his recent stay in South Africa, and should have refused him permission to travel about in the Transvaal, the Orange River and other colonies. He gives the population of Africa as two hundred millions, of which number only two million are whites. This he calls "The black peril."

When it is remembered that Belgium has for many years stood accused before the bar of public opinion of practicing the most unheard of cruelty against the natives, and that there have been many recent attempts by Belgians and some sympathetic Americans to lessen the charge against the tyrant, King Leopold, it makes this whole contribution to the Globe-Democrat appear as an effort to justify the crimes laid before the throne of Belgium. But be that as it may, the article goes far to prove that there is absolutely no limit to the white man's impudence. There he goes, where he is not wanted—by force of arms plants a colony; shows little or no regard for the obligations of treaties and the rights of those whose homes he has invaded, and when he, the one man, finds he is unable to longer disregard the rights of the hundree men, he then calls the other hundred men his peril or—"a black peril." In other words, he says—"There is a real danger that I may not be able to subjugate those people." We have not had much of the foreign missionary spirit in us, but if this Ethiopian movement is the kind of work being done by the A. M. E. Church in Africa we are for them and they may pass the hat to us any time. We hope the Voice of Missions has been correctly quoted, for we truly hope that just such a thing will come to pass.

SUSAN B. ANTHONY.

The death of Susan B. Anthony ends the career of a remarkable and noteworthy woman. Like her brother, D. R. Anthony of Leavenworth, Kansas, she had convictions of her own and was not afraid to express them. Her sense of justice and liberty was not narrow and bigoted as is frequently the case with those who seek rights for themselves, but she willingly conceded to others the same rights asked for herself. She espoused the cause of the anti-slavery movement and used her talents in favor of the abolition of slavery. No sensible person will to-day argue that woman is the mental inferior of man. She has helped to bring this result. She did not live to see the emancipation of her sex, although she did aid in bringing it to a people. The cause to which she dedicated her life was that of woman's suffrage—her right and privilege of making the laws, and hence the conditions under which she must live. She could not understand why the mere difference in sex should impose such restrictions on women. Indeed, it is difficult for any one to see the reason for it. We could never understand the process of reasoning which determined that a vicious and besotted man was fit to have a voice in shaping the conduct of a nation, and that a refined and virtuous woman was not. But we are gradually growing out of the benighted idea that woman was made as a servant of man—that he is a lord and she an underling; that she is to stop at the rank of first place among his personal servants. We predict that the day will come when we shall feel the need of woman's sense of justice in the making of laws and the direction of our governmental policies; that we shall see the injustice of governing others by laws and customs of which they have no part in the making; that we shall see the folly of entrusting so sacred a thing as the ballot in the hands of an ignorant man and withholding its use from an intelligent woman. In short, we predict that the cause in which Susan B. Anthony spent her life will one day be realized.

DR. D. A. GRAHAM AND THE CHURCH.

The suggestion has been made to The Freeman by a prominent minister in the A. M. E. Church that we publish a symposium on this subject to be made up of short articles from ministers or laymen We shall be glad to do this with the privilege of cutting down those articles when they grow to be too lengthy. It is a matter that deserves attention and one on which many have a desire to be heard. We would prefer to have the name of the author signed to each letter sent. If, however, any have satisfactory reasons for wanting their names withheld from publication, it will be done.

From the number of appeals that come to The Freeman for financial aid to all forms of worthy endeavors in all parts of the country, there is evidently a great misunderstanding as to our financial possibilities. We regret that we are unable to respond favorably to all these appeals, but such is the case.

The Chinese think that the American people are unfriendly to them, and the American people are surprised to learn that the Chinese think so. Remembering the experience that China has had in dealing with foreigners the wonder is that they stop at occasionally breaking up a mission or boycotting their trade.

Six hundred more Filipinos have been civilized according to the Anglo-Saxon method. How much longer is this murder to continue? How long before the American people will do the thing they ought to do, and cease adding one blunder to another?

The suggestion is made by the Southwestern Christian Advocate that a monument be erected by 1913 to the Abolitionists who worked in behalf of freedom. That year will be the fiftieth anniversary of the abolition of slavery in this country.

In deciding to hold the next annual meeting of the Afro-American Council in the South appeared at first glance to be almost hazardous, but they might have done worse. Just suppose they had gone to Springfield.

The peopte of this country will very shortly have to choose between very radical reforms or more radical socialism.

POINTER FOR THE "SUPERIOR" RACE.

There's a big distinction between riding beside a dirty Negro driver and sitting in a street car with a clean, well-dressed Negro. —Lexington, Ky., Standard.

THE SPECTATOR.

THINGS AS HE SEES THEM.

Very often, in the personal column of our paper, we read that Miss Blank beautifully entertained Mr. Blank at dinner on last Sunday. Human nature is a funny thing. Of what importance to the public can Miss Blank imagine, is it that she had any dinner at all and still less does it care who eat that dinner; and still less than that does the dear public care what was eaten at that dinner or in how many courses it was served.

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We do so enjoy seeing our names in public print, and, if our picture appears, then is our cup of joy overflowing. It does not matter how antiquated that photograph may be, or what the newspaper charge us for the privilege of showing our classic features to the public, our faces must appear. There is only one other desire of the human soul that approaches this longing in intensity. That is the infinite longing to sit on the platform on the occasion of a great public demonstration.

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A few days ago a gentleman got aboard a street car and occupied the only remaining seat. Soon six ladies, ranging in age from sweet sixteen to the unknowable, boardod the car and chanced to stand near him. He gallantly offered his seat to the lady nearest him, who happened to be the youngest of the party. She refused the seat and said that she would let one of the older ladies have it That car reached the end of the line, and the gentleman and the six ladies were still standing.

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Why is it that ladies are so sensitive about their age? The wisest man who ever lived never touched that question in his writings. He knew better. You may speak of anything, but don't say anything about the increasing years. "Women were gay deceivers ever!" They deceive us concerning their physical appearance; they decieve us on the question of tender years; they deceive us about the yearnings of their heart.

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The deposed minister is holding services in Realty Hall. An announcement on the door concludes: "You are *Envited*" *Envited* to hear the roars and howling of one who poses as a wronged individual! He plays upon the sympathy and feelings of his deluded hearers. And how? Not with reasoning, not with intellectual stimuli, not with inspiring and helpful speech, but with moaning and mourning, with white robes and golden streets, etc., and the excited and easily aroused audience roars and bellows in return. 'Tis like a grand oratorio—you hear solo parts and choruses. Talk about the psychology of shouting! There it is, and the reason is apparent—overwrought feeling and ignorance.

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There should be a public accounting in every deal to the people of every enterprise that they are called upon to support. Printed reports of treasurers in neat books do not prove much. The great question is—what have you to show for the effort and money expended? What have you to substantiate your claims? You pathetically appeal to the public. The need is pressing, and you are the chosen vessel. Now, what do ye more than they, and what have ye more than they? Men and women who pose as leaders have a fearful responsibility.

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The home, the school and the church, these are the great factors that mold the character of our youth. If the parent, the teacher or the minister fail in his duty, then is the boy and girl ruined? These institutions must work in unison and intelligently and. first of all, they must be capable of united and intelligent work. They must be built upon lofty ideals and guarded about by faithful service.

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Speaking of the weather I am reminded that gentle spring is knocking at the door. I like spring weather. Then my fancy turns to thoughts of love and I go fishing and write poetry. One may go fishing and he may think on love, but it is dangerous to write poetry. Roses are red and violets are blue—don't you remember?

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When will we do something other than imitate? The white people having boxing matches, prize fights—and we must have them. They give minstrel shows, and we must give them. The conduct "monster" meetings, and so must we. I wonder if we would get married or die if they did not.

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The new hall has now been thoroughly christened. In it has been held services—religious and otherwise—principally otherwise. There has been held a meeting for fallen girls. The Y. M. C. A. has thundered forth within its walls. A deposed minister has praised the Lord therein. There have been dances galore, The sports have witnessed a prize fight, which the police very properly broke up. And finally there came a minstrel show. Aren't we in it? THE SPECTATOR.

TO BE HAD FOR THE ASKING.

Dr. Jordan, secretary of foreign missions among Negro Baptists is sending out programs for their Tenth Easter Rally. Write him for as many as you need. The millions in heathen lands have claims upon us as Christians. The National Baptists have sent out seven missionaries since their meeting in Chicago. They need $5,000 for their work, and this is small for 2,000,000 members. Write to Dr. Jordan, 726 W. Walnut street, Louisville, Ky., for programs and help in their rally.

AMONG OUR EXCHANGES

CAN ROOT RESIST THIS PICTURE?

The veteran correspondent and journalist Mr. R. W. Thompson, suggests in his interesting letters to the Indianapolis Freeman, that the colored politicians of the country must "get a move" on them or else the race may lose out on the Puerto Cabello, Venezuela, consulship, calling attention to the fact that a white man succeeded Furniss at Bahia, Brazil. Ex-Consul J. B. Peterson made an admirable representative of this government at Puerto Cabello, and even at that distance continued to brighten the columns of the press with spicy letters. In my humble opinion R. W. Thompson of Indiana would prove an efficient United States consul, and he, too, would occasionally "dash off" some mighty interesting reading from the tropics. With a federal commission in his pocket, a broad sombreo on his dome of thought, his facile pen in hand, and a pitcher of iced lemonade at his side. Thompson would make Castro look like three dimes.—W. T. Menard in the Florida Sentinel.

SOUTH WON'T PART WITH THE NEGRO.

Just now, instead of discussing means of getting rid of the Negroes. the South needs them and all the other labor it can get in in order to develop the wonderfully rich natural resources with which it is endowed. If Mr. Thomas Dixon should go down into some Southern States where the Negroes are numerous and start a scheme to take them away and send them elsewhere by wholesale, he would be likely to wear a coat of tar and feathers before he gone very far.—New York Sun.

EVOLUTION OF THE NEGRO.

Naturalists are fond of pointing out how much more intelligent the hunted wild animals are than the domesticated ones. The antelope is brighter than the cow, the crow wiser than the hen. If the analogy holds good for men, the harried Negro ought to be the Superman of the twentieth century.—New York World.

SUSPECTS NIAGARA MOVEMENT.

As much as we esteem the Niagara Movement and the men who make the men who make the movement move, as long as they continue to trace every evil move, every act of scandal and every work of treachery to the door of Booker T. Washington, as well as use the force of their combined efforts to destroy his prestige, his work, his character and his home, we cannot be made to feel and believe that their motives are pure.—Cleveland Journal.

BOURBON DEMOCRAT PREFERRED.

The sorriest man in the South is the lily-white Republican. All he lives for is office, and he has never failed to surrender principle and all else for a job with the government. Give, oh give us, the old Bourbon Democrat everytime rather than the lily-white Republican.—Star of Zion.

MUST "SHINNY ON ITS OWN SIDE."

The "Niagara Movement" is all right as far as we know, and we have not the slightest objection to it, on the contrary we are in favor of it, but it must run along on its own lines and stand on its own feet.—The Baltimore Afro-American Ledger.

THOMPSON'S WEEKLY REVIEW

(Continued from First Page.)

pedient to devote his whole time to his school at Winston-Salem.

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The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society is an important factor in the composition of the Zion movement. In its ranks are found some of the brainiest women in the country, regardless of race. For several years this organization has been admirably led by Mrs. K. P. Hood, and during its formative period she was indispensable to its successful operation. Other hands have since been developed, and she has been wishing to be relieved of the duties devolving upon her; but the last General Conference prevailed upon her to remain at the helm through one more quadrennium. It seems now that the continued illness of her husband, Bishop Hood, will make it necessary for her to relinquish the active work of the position, even before 1908, in which case it will become the duty of the First Vice-President, Mrs. Mary E. Washington, to carry the banner. Mrs. Washington is a woman of tireless energy, wide experience and possesses rare tact and a positive genius for the management of large affairs. In her hands the work will not suffer, as she is fully conversant with the plans and methods pursued by Mrs. Hood, and is brimful of ideas of her own. Should Mrs. Hood find it expedient to seek relief at the August meeting of the Connectional Council, the designation of Mrs. Washington as President would follow as a matter of course, with her election to the office in regular form by the General Conference as the logic of the situation. The Church could not make a more fitting selection. Mrs. T. H. Lomax, Mrs. A. W. Blackwell, Miss S. J. Janifer, Mrs. M. E. Harris and Mrs. G. W. Clinton are well placed, and changes are unlikely, except to fill the vice-presidency that may be made vacant by the elevation of Mrs. Washington. So this is an impartial survey of the Zion outlook as it stands to-day. What two years may bring forth, in a country where history is made at a galloping gait, is not within the ken of mankind. The church is growing in strength, and if it is not ideal in its administration or policies, its heart is in the right place, and it is sufficiently powerful to institute its own reforms and to keep its head in the right direction. The Negro race in America owes much of its material progress and ethical culture to the steady spiritual fires and constructive labors of the great A. M. E. Zion Church. Its founder, James Varick, builded better than he knew.

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Prompted by an intimation in the Boston Guardian that Dr. Booker T. Washington is not a registered voter in his own home, a communication has been sent to me asking for the facts relative thereto. Of late it has been the policy of Dr. Washington's friends not to make any effort to refute the infamous slanders of the Guardian and its clique of "knockers and windjammers," or to advertise their scandalous misrepresentations by noticing them in any way. The work of Dr. Washington is able to stand upon its merits, and the personality of the man is merely a part of the work with which his whole life is identified. But a civil question, however, from a correspondent, writing in good faith, deserves a reply, even if a brazen falsehood from a mendacious journal does not. An inquiry addressed to Dr. Washington's secretary elicits the information that Dr. Washington was sent for by the registrars themselves and enrolled as a life voter, precinct No. 1, Macon county, Alabama, in which Tuskegee Institute is located. His life certificate, neatly framed, hangs in his den at "The Oaks," bearing date of April 4, 1902. Dr. Washington, I learn further, was one of the first persons to vote for Theodore Roosevelt and Charles Warren Fairbanks at the election, November 8, 1904. This establishes the status of the Tuskegee wizard as a voter, and testifies to his membership in the Republican fold. It is up to the modern Ananias at Boston to invent another lie, and send it broadcast, to attempt to discredit and annoy the race's most useful man.

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The consulship at Puerto Cabello, Venezuela, has been filled, and it is gratifying to note that it remains in the hands of the race. The lucky individual is James W. Johnson, formerly of Florida. The appointment was made at the instance of that young political giant, Hon. Charles W. Anderson, Collector of Internal Revenue for the Second District of New York, and will probably be accredited to the Empire State. The selection will meet the approval of the Negroes throughout the country. Mr. Johnson is exceptionally fitted for the duties he assumes. Not long ago, Secretary of State Root, with a view of improving the efficiency of the consular service of the United States, expressed a desire that in the future representatives sent to foreign countries should speak the language of the country to which they are accredited, and know something about the law. Mr. Johnson meets all of these requirements to the letter, having practiced three years in Florida, where he was admitted to plead before the Supreme Court. He is a graduate of Atlanta University, and has taken special courses in Columbia. He is a literary genius also, having written many poems and stories for leading magazines. He is an accomplished musician, and is a member of the firm of Johnson, Cole & Johnson, composers and play-writers. He is a brother of Rosamond Johnson. Mr. Johnson won his political spurs as president of the Colored Republican Club of the city of New York. Puerto Cabello is the most important post in Venezuela, and the salary was recently increased from $1,500 to $2,000 per annum. Mr. Johnson succeeds J. B. Peterson, of the New York Age, who returned to this country to become a deputy in the office of Collector Anderson. Such appointments as that of Mr. Johnson place a premium on character and fitness in a most emphatic fashion, and will go much farther toward encouraging the young Negro to qualify himself for recognition than a dozen purely political snaps.

R. W. THOMPSON.

WHAT THE FREEMAN WOULD LIKE TO KNOW

Why not "Fairbanks and fair-play" for 1908?

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What has Giles B. Jackson got to say about it?

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Why Gurley Brewer has given up the study of Spanish?

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Who will be Dr. Gordon's successor as president of Howard University?

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Why not theaters for the accommodation of Negro patrons in larger cities of the South?

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Why don't colored business men advertise more liberally if they want the patronage of the people?

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What is the matter with Capt. Harry S. New as the nominee for Governor of Indiana two years hence?

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Wouldn't Prof. W. H. Richards of Howard's law department fill the bill as president of Howard University?

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What colored man is so peculiarly constituted that he would want to go to a jim crow exposition in jim crow Virginia?

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The Stage

You can always be found if your name appears in The Freeman's Manager's and Actor's Directory.

Walter Bates mixologist at the West Side Club, Kansas City, Mo., sends regards to Tom Logan.

"Happy" Bland leader of the Syndicate Quartet is featuring, "When I Look at You I Have Such a Funny Feeling."

The Jolly Prices will open on the Novelty Circuit at the Empire Theatre, San Francisco, Cal., April 12, playing that part of the country for about thirty-six weeks.

Fred P. Douglass, formerly a popular minstrel man is now manager of the Harlem Cafe located at 557 Grand avenue, Kansas City, Mo., and will be delighted to hear from all friends.

Maud Adams has given twenty tickets for seats in the balcony of the Knickerbocker theatre, at New York City, to twenty young girls belonging to the girls' club connected with the Walton Colored Kindergarten.

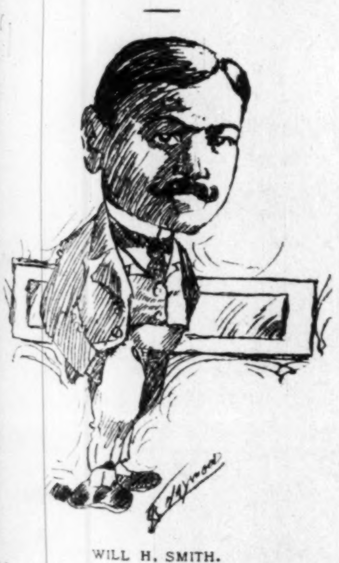
Harry A. Brown, the singing cartoonist writes.—I am now featured on the Penn circuit and as a record have played fifty weeeks out of the year. And will be under the management of William Norris next season in the east.

Notes from Fred V. Millican Minstrel Company.—The company will be in Birmingham for one week's rehearsal and there will be a number of new faces to join us. Billy Arnte sends best regards to P. G. Lowery and all old friends.

D. C. Scott and Fred Rucker, the two reknown comedians are touring the Northern section of the country in Mr. Scott's new play, "No Man's Land," with a chorus of thirty voices. Mr. Scott has formerly traveled with Mahara's Minstrels.

Notes from Big Sensational Georgia Plantation.—Prof. Frank Crosby is considered a wonderful rag-time pianist and musical director under canvas. Miss Susie Cooksey is now a top-notcher a singing soubret scoring nightly applause. Miss Gracie Williams is acknowledged to be a comedienne of much note and her dancing is considered a hit nightly, Mose Watkins is bringing the house. Mrs. Essie Lewis is doing excellent work, Her singing ability is far above average filling parts both as a prima donna and a singing and dancing soubret. Walter S. Lyons never fails to please. We open in Memphis, Tenn., our first park engagement for four consecutive weeks.

THE FREEMAN GALLERY.



WILL H. SMITH.

Advertising Manager of Moore's Palace Theatre, Chicago, Ill.

(Inspiration from his friend Elwood Knox.)

Halest fellow, well met
I reach my hand to thee,
In token of the warm fellowship
You've held so long for me;
And while I gaze at your lordly smile,
The thought in my mind does pop,
Like a cork, you may stay under awhile
But you always rise to the top.

—CHARLES MARSHALL.

Jordon Bunch with the Jim Key Show which filled an engagement at Tomlinson Hall this week was a visitor at The Freeman office. Mr. Bunch is writing a sketch for a vaudeville act that he will put on at an early date. His wife, who is now in Cleveland will work with him.

Members of the "Abyssinia" company, headed by Williams & Walker, sent Mrs. Alice Roosevelt Longworth a handsome silver punch bowl, paid for by contributions of the company. There is an allegorical sketch engraved on the bowl picturing the progress of the Afro-American people, and a likeness of President Roosevelt. The accompanying card read as follows: "From some colored New York admirers, with their respective wishes for your future happiness."

Notes from A. G. Allen's New Orleans Minstrels.—We have one more stand and we will leave the State of Florida to go into Georgia. The boys regret to leave the tropical State of the union in the midst of summer. Our business was good; we played forty-four stands. Master Richard Burrow is making a hit singing "Belle of Silvery Nile;" Robert Gant, alto and violin sends regards to P. G. Lowery; J. T. Cox sends regards to William Grant of Chicago. A R Hutchens will return to the show in a few weeks. John Dennis the tuba player is gaining quite a reputation; the Harmony Four gave J. H. McCommon a serenade at Lake City. John Williams is making the old folks as well as the children laugh playing "rube" in the streets. During our stay in all the historical points in the oldest city in the United States, we played against Si Plunket and packed the tent. J. H. McCammon would like to hear from Frank Caster. J. B. Norton is singing "Fare Thee Well" to appreciative audiences. J. B. Morton stage manager would like to hear from Perry Black. Write care of The Freeman.

Notes from Smith's Minstrel en route with Barkout Carnival.—The show is now carrying eighteen people and band. Lee Henderson, Albert Smith and Bud Rose have rejoined after a two or three weeks' rest; Joseph A. Hagermon, the eccentric, basso is bringing the house down in the comical quartet. Mr. Alexander better known as the screamer is still here. "Kid" Willie the greatest buck and wing dancer is challenging the public and Mr. Smith is putting up $20. in gold in every town for him. Miss Julia Holland, the prima donna is still holding her own singing, "Down Where the Swaunee River Flows" McMullen is still here; Smith & Henderson are cleaning up with their song and dance act; Alex Wren is still impersonating the Southern mammy; Miss Florence Wren is singing "Jasper, Don't You Hear Me Calling You?" pleasing everybody. Miss Antonia Vo days, the New Orleans, soubret is getting two and three encores nightly singing, "My Hindoo Man." Robert C. White, manager and pianist is playing cymbals and bass drum and Joseph Office, the orator of the show is easily turning them in, while Mrs. Office is selling tickets.

Notes from Billy Kersands Famous Minstrels. Rogersford, Pa.—We have made a great tour of the principal Eastern cities and with tremendous success in every particular It has been so long since a genuine colored minstrel has made this section of the country that this whole section of the country is seemingly wild over one, consequently we have made good with perfect ease. We played the Savoy Theatre at Atlantic City. The following is an extract from one of the leading papers of that city: "Billy Kersands Big Minstrels opened to a two days' engagement at the Savoy Theatre last evening and met with an immense success. This is the only colored company touring the country and one of the biggest laughs that has ever been in this city. The company from the rise of the curtain to the last act in the olio is excellent and shows some of the best colored talent in the country. The parade yesterday was a novelty in itself in as much as Mr. Kersands carries the best band ever put together unde the leadership of Prof. James S. Lacey," J. A. Watts, the nonpareil tenor and an esteemed friend of the Houseleys in Philadelphia, Pa., paid them a visit at their home and returned to the 5th, inst., well pleased with his visit, having left them well. Our company is fine and dandy and sends regards to all friends and the Clermonts who visited us at New York.

NOTICE.

Pat. Chappelle, Jacksonville, Fla., would like to hear from Ben Hunn and wife immediately; also from Dr. Pullen, of Memphis, Tenn. Business of importance.

KANSAS CITY, MO.

Mrs. Mary King celebrated her birthday last Wednesday at her apartments in the Eastern Hotel. Many friends of Kansas City, Kan., were present. Music was furnished by Maud Allen, the great pianist of the Eastern Cafe.—N A. Seymour Cafe and Mother Arnold are conducting a nice business.

A TRIBUTE TO DUNBAR.

BY SYLVESTER RUSSELL.

The obsequies of Paul Laurence Dunbar, which have already been resounded by preachers, scholars and poets far more brilliant than I, makes it necessary to add anything more to his very honorable record except to gratify many Freeman readers who have expected something in consideration of the place I hold in common branches of literature.

Dunbar's death, I fear, leaves an aching void in the poetic world that no poet-singer of his own race, or any white American, will be able to fill. It was the superiority of his Negro dialect and the perfection of the stories of Negro life that went with them, and his unexcelled ability as a general poet, of his youthful age, that ranks him, without a doubt, as the greatest American poet who ever lived in the twentieth cenutry. There may be those of the white race still living with weatlh and a big name, but none of this fickle generation who qualify on original grounds of genius such as I have described.

The songs he has sung will live when the products of other men of whom I have spoken, are mouldy. His first stage contribution of note was the lyrics set to the music of Will Marion Cook, in the ragtime comedy, "Clorindy." It was his words to the songs "Jump Back Honey" "Who's Dat Say Chicken in Dis Crowd?" and "Darktown is Out Tonight" that made Cook famous in one night, after which Dunbar's name was used as a drawing card for professional men of his race which thrived, while Dunbar saw in silence his profits which had died. They had sought his name to wed, to live, but not to give, and thus we have it: Dunbar was too good to live. Men who are good must die. Men who live must fight, and as bad as men are who live, some must challenge the cause of right even for those who have died. This sting, which comes to actors of repute is but a tribute from the grave; a reflection from the life of one whose work had made musicians great and actors strong; a lesson to those of today who were led by the genius of Dunbar into the gate of financial prosperity. In these professional men Dunbar's memory should shine the brightest, in assuring the beneficial welfare of his beloved mother if needs be, as long as her life shall last.

Farewell to one whose life was light,
Whose life was sometimes sorrow through
Who dreamed of angels in the night,
Who saw shadows come and go
But whispered all is well.

Farewell to one whose tortured brow,
Had told him that sweet death was near,
Who sings in ethereal mildness now,
While mother waits in sorrow here,
To meet him some sweet day.

NOTES OF THE STAGE AND SHOP TALK

BY SYLVESTER RUSSELL.

I met ex-manager Sam McCorker a few nights ago in New York. He was looking fine and a mighty nice gentleman he is too. I find that he is much beloved by all the actors.

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People are just beginning to discover that real critics are very scarce and truthful ones more scarce. The way Acton Davies' criticism of Williams and Walker fell "ker plunk" on February 23 cooks his goose forever. The New Yook Sun should discharge him. I wonder if actors will see this?

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On the last Saturday evening in February I hailed Jesse Shipp author of "Abyssinia." His eyes sparkled, we talked a little about the play but I'm not going to tell you. I've seen it twice. I might say it is very classical indeed. I shall review it in the next issue of "Sylvester Russell's Review."

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If actors whom I have asked would ony have propriety enough to send one of their pictures and write me the place of their birth and the list of shows they have been identified with, their names would go in my history. The Review is out and if I live we shall have a history. And like George Walker, I must if possible control everything.

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I met Black Carl, the magician, for the first time over in Elizabeth, N. J, visiting the Billy Kersands' show. Carl used "to lay me out" in the days of the old Douglass Club, so the actors in New York used to tell me, and yet he was proud to meet me. I expect some day I'll meet Gus Hal of the Smart Set and Manager White too.

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Al W. Martin has discarded colored singers in his "Uncle Tom's Cabin' or else he can't get them, either one. He makes his actors double in black face. Even if they did go a "frost" at the Murray Hill Theatre in New York his effort is quite an improvement on the Clansman. The greatest laughing stock you see in a legitimate theatre, in these days is a bunch of white actors, singing and dancing, mind you, trying to look and act like "darkies."

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Henry Troy, the cymbal-voiced tenor of Ernest Hogan's "Rufus Rastus" Company who is singing "Just One Word of Consolation," by Frank Williams and Tom Lemonier, has just been informed by me that people desire to see his picture on the frontispiece of that song. Just what Chas. K. Harris, the publisher of the song thinks of my gall is best understood by music publishers only. Henry Troy was made to keep music publishers from starving, and publishers—well, I guess I've said enough. "Farewell, that means goodbye."

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SHORT FLIGHTS.

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The sun is shining on both sides of the street.

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charter members could be raked up around the offices of the Conservator and Broad-Axe.

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The fruits of injustice he is sowing today constitutes the co-called "white man's peril."

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We see nothing to indicate that Negro men are marrying white women—against their will.

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The thickest coat of whitewash never has helped a roten preacher on the long run.

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For obvious reasons, Senator Tillman did not attend the Longworth-Roosevelt wedding.

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Be sure to pay the good preacher the highest salary you can afford, but don't have the other kind at any price.

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Society folks who know nothing worth talking about breathe a sigh of relief when a card game starts up.

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Professional evangelists, male and female, are all right—when they are not hypocrites, braggarts or fakirs.

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Only an idiot or a conscienceless liar would assert that education makes the Negro or any other race more criminal.

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Events are happening so rapidly nowadays that one almost hates to go to sleep for fear of missing something good.

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The Tuskegee Negro Farmers' Conference was a success beyond the most sanguine expectations of the good people of the Black Belt of Alabama.

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Neither railroad accidents nor political enemies seem to be able to repress the irrepressible John E. Bush, of "Arkansas."

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Georgia preachers are exercised over the possibility of a prize fight taking place in their midst, but view the lynching or burning of a Negro with perfect complacency.

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Ben Tillman is trying to give Dr. Vernon a dose of the medicine he came very near administering to Dr. Crum, but he will find out that Kansas is not South Carolina.

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Colleges do not have a monopoly of "scraps." Congress, state legislatures, mass conventions, and barrooms can furnish a neat article in the "rough house" line at a moment's notice.

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The colored papers handled the death of Paul Laurence Dunbar in a style befiting the gravity of the event, and with a thoroughness that bespoke positive progress in the art journalistic.

There are men in the United States Senate more dangerous to the wellbeing of this republic than Reed Smoot, and there are worse evils confront ing the American people than Mormonism.

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Our various denominations ought to elect editors for their organs—not registering machines to be wound up to a certain notch, and to tick off automatically the opinions stuffed into it by its owner.

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During the anniversary celebrations of the month no names of greater Americans were more affectionately linked than those of Abraham Lincoln and George Washington, Frederick Douglass and Booker T. Washington.

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The presence of 50,000.000 Negroes in this country at the end of the century will not constitute a "white man's peril," if a square deal is granted the race from this time to the year of our Lord 2000.

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Tom Dixon's father was a member of the Ku Klux Klan. The author of "The Clansman" proudly confesses it. We are now prepared to believe firmly that criminal instincts can come through hereditary influences.

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Talladega did not take exceptions to that overseer so much because he was a white man, but because he was the kind of a white man the students found him to be. There is nothing like looking at a situation from the proper point of view.

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The Negro is rich in up-to-date magazines. The fine literary qualities embodied in The Colored American Magazine, Alexander's Magazine, The Voice of the Negro, McGirt's and Sylvester Russell's Review, would do credit to any race under the sun.

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Harry Stillwell Edwards has not denied that he wishes to wear Judson W. Lyons' old shoes as the Georgia member of the Republican National committee. It looks as if he wants Lyons' shoe on one foot and Rucker's brogan on the other.

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Dr. T. Wellington Henderson may be deeply grieved because his dear friend, Presiding Elder S. Timothy Tice has been transferred from the New York Conference to Florida, but he is managing to bear up under the bereavement with a fortitude that is little short of wonderful.

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Atlanta is chuckling because the A. M. E. Conference dodged the Scylla of jim crow street cars in Georgia, only to run into the Charybdis of a similar law just passed by the Virginia legislature. Better to have gone to Washington "like we told 'em to, in the first place."

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If Editor Murray of the Alexandria Home News insists upon fighting a duel with Editor Jones of the Southwestern Advocate, let us suggest that the weapons be Remington rapid-fire typewriters at ten paces, with L. M. Henshaw and Roscoe Conklin Simmons as the respective seconds, and Henry P. Slaughter as referee. Norfolk, Va., might be a fitting place for the battle.

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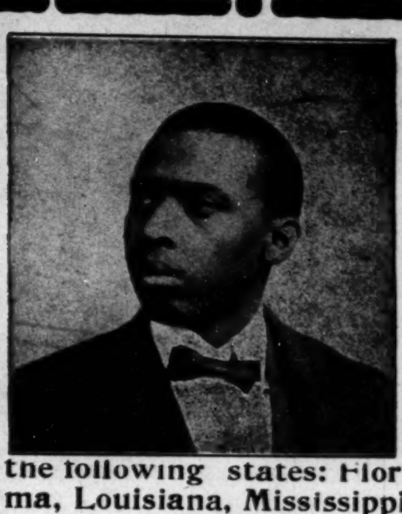
The requiem mass has been sung upon the proposition to cure the suffrage ills of the South by the reduction of representation. The only permanent and really helpful method of getting at the infamy is the enforcement of the 15th Amendment, and the impartial administration of the laws enacted by the several states, that are found to conform to the Federal constitution.

R. W. THOMPSON.



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GREATER NEW YORK STAGE NOTES.

INTERESTING NEWS FROM THE EASTERNE METROPOLIS.

(By Carle Browne Cooke.)

The three greatest colored American plays in the world are now engaged in the metropolis. Rufus Rastus Extravaganza is a grett hit at the West End theatre in Harlem, "The Smart Set," made famous by Mr. Hogan and later by Mr. Dudley, opens at the Murry Hill theatre in 42nd street, and Shipp and Rogers' "Abyssinia," with music by Will Marion Cook, is scoring at the Majestic in Broadway and West 59th street, and is indeed a worthy achievement of Negro ideals, playrights and performers. Messrs. Raymond, manager, and Williams and Walker deserve no end of credit for the unlimited financial support and constant interest that they have given to this great product of refined, invigorating and inspiring entertainment. Mr. Cook honored "Rufus Rastus" with a visit at Saturday matinee and seemed highly pleased with the great production. He was accompanied by Mr. James Reece Europe, the composer and song writer. Quite a number of representative society and professional people attended the performances of both productions during the week. Under the careful management of Mr. George H. Harris and Mr. J. Ed. Green and Mr. Harry Gillan the Rufus Rastus contingent are riding easy o'er stagedom's broad ocean, and with record success bidding them come again at every port. Mr. Hogan's company will appear in Indianapolis and Chicago again soon.

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This week records the first meeting of the three famous Gillams in the history of the theatrical career, in the city of New York. They are namely, Miss Bessie Gillam, of the Sunny South Co., who plays in all star vaudeville at the Colonial theatre; Mr. Harry L. Gillam, stage manager to Rufus Rastus Co., and Mr. Alpheus T. Gillam, the great little singer, dancer and tramp comedian o fthe Smart Set Co. And they all hail from a professional family. Their mother, Mrs. Georgia Gillam (lately deceased) was in her palmy days an accomplished pianist and teacher and in every way a very lovable lady. Their home was formerly in Detroit, Mich., and later in St. Paul, Minn. Mr. Harry L. Gillam has just finished paying for a fine little farm and a home for himself and wife, Mrs. Laura Gillam, in Wells, Minnesota, where they have a host of friends and relatives. Mrs. Kate Gillam Cottrell, of Toledo, O., and Mr. Frederick Gillam, the famous concert pianist, of St. Paul, are two more of the Gillam family, which has done so much for colored American art and music in the stage world.

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Mr. Walter Craig's annual Pre-Lenten recital was given at Palm Garden this year and was a success in every way. Mr. Joseph Douglass, the noted violin virtuoso, of Washington, D. C., (grandson of our greatest race leader, Hon. Frederic Douglass), was the star of the evening. It was his first appearance in New York City for twelve years, and he proved the claim of being a real artist, indeed a master of the king of instruments, the violin. I covered the entire affair, but unfortunately lost my notes and was unable to give the function the thorough and deserving credit that I had intended. Mr. Douglass was ably supplemented by Mr. Craig, his famous orchestra and the following celebrated artists: Mrs. McAdor, of Washington, D. C.; Miss Rovelto, prima donna soprano, of Providence, R. I., and Mr. Harry T. Burleign, the king of baritones and a great society favorite and entertainer of New York City. Nearly a thousand patrons attended the recital and dance assembly that followed. Palm Garden should have a deeper and wider stage, as the hall and location are admirably equipped and thoroughly convenient otherwise. Many out of town admirers came to hear their favorites, and they were indeed well paid for their trip. Mr. Walter Craig's latest effort has been the most enjoyable affair given at Palm Garden since the last one held there by "The Promoters" two years ago, at which time the late Mr. Paul Laurence Dunbar scored such a tremendous hit in dialect readings chosen from the several volumes of his monumental product of literary gems.

NOTES.

Mrs. Laura Gillam is still quite ill at her apartments at 26 West 134th street, Harlem, New York City. Her husband now has her under the attention of a specialist and as soon as she becomes convalescent she will return home, where her relatives reside, at Wells, Minn. We pray for the early recovery of this promising young wife and artist.

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It seems the U. S. Ship Brooklyn has had a turbulent spell during its recent trip to Africa. The following letter received from my friend W. H. McKinney, one of the colored sailors on the flag ship, will explain:

U. S. F. S. Brooklyn,
Algiers, Algeria, Africa,
Jan 25, 1906.

My Dear Mr. Cooke:—

You very likely remember having me promise to write you occasionally. This being the most opportune time, I will mention some of the happenings of our trip from New York to Europe. The first day out of New York we found a rough sea, to the extent that most all hands were sick. This continued until we ran into a storm that lasted about three days. The first day of the storm brought very high seas that at times swept the spar deck and seemingly we were about to be washed overboard. However, one o fthe lifeboats was carried away and two men very narrowly escaped being washed overboard, as they had just finished bailing water from it. The second day seemed to be a little worse. The ship was rolling port and starboard from 25 to 35 degrees. Durign this time the race boat was lost. Later in the day the fore and after masts were blown off with the wires of the wireless telegraph. About this time many of us began to wonder about the next thing to happen whether the Brooklyn would be safe or not during such storms. But we had not yet reached the climax of excitement. The third night of the storm, about midnight, friction had caused a fire to start in the after magazine. The fire alarms were turned in and every one rushed to his station, connected the hose, and the fire was extinguished without any casualties. This ended the excitement, but durin gthe meantime the admiral's steward was very sick with pneumonia and finally died on January 4th and was buried at sea, with the usual military honors.

We reached Gibraltar on schedule time, January 11. The rock of Gibraltar is a great mass of jurassic limestone which is the southermost part of Spain and rises in a bold headland fronting the Straits of Africa. It's length is about three miles, the width varies from one-hald ti three-quarters of a mile. The town of Gibraltar has over 30,000 inhabitants, representing every nation under the sun.

Other places visited were Tangier, Morocco and Algiers, Algeria, which I will mention at some future time. Enclosed under separate cover is a French paper. Wishing for you continued success and that I may hear from you at your convenience I am,

Very cordially yours,
W. H. McKINNEY.

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Mrs. A. J. Laws, of Dorer, Del. who has been in New York on an extended visit to her son, Jules a Laws, a well known Harlem beau, of 45 W. 99th street, N. Y., has returned home after a most delightful stay and family reunion.

Napoleon Johnson sends the following from the Richards & Pringles Georgia Minstrels.—I find that Arizona copes with the rest for fine views. Business is very good; crowded houses every night. Return dates are asked for but owing to the vast territory we are to cover, it is impossible for us to grant their wishes. Frank Kirk, the original tramp musical acrobat has nearly completed his new comedy act and will work single the rest of the season. J. Lester McDaniels, trick bicyclist is adding new laurels working extreme end opposite Powell. He has made himself a present of a unicycle and he has a $125.00 Monarch bicycle, which he is introducing for the Pope Manufacturing Company. Marsh Craig, the contortionist is met with rounds of applause and the audiences are still wondering whether he has any bones or not. The company joins him in best regards to little Irene. The Toney Trio of acrobats are still climbing daily and are highly complimented. Happy Beaureгard, the character comedian is opening the show with "Jolly Me Along," setting a hot pace for the rest to follow.

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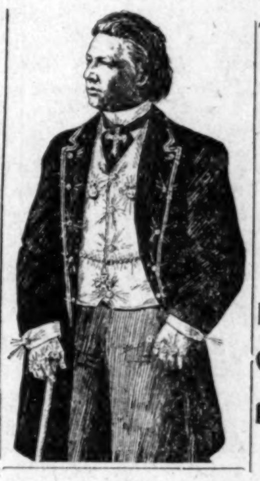

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Gilmer, Texas, Jan. 15, 1906.

Dear Madame—I take great pleasure to write you to let you know of your work. My daughter has returned home, and I can't praise you too much for your kindness. Now just as soon as I can I am going to send you some money. I am in a feeble state right now, also have no work to do, but will pay you as soon as I can. Nothing more. Yours, Mrs M J.

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Race Gleanings.

Richard Allen, a colored porter in the First National Bank of Kansas City, Mo. Twenty years ago he swept out the room and made ready for the bank's opening. He is the only man who has been on the bank's pay-roll every day since its history. A few months ago the bank learned that there was a mortgage of $800 against his little home. On its twentieth anniversary, March 1st, the directors presented Mr. Allen with a deed of release with the mortgage cancelled.

The Board of Education of Kansas City, Mo., have about completed for the colored children a new Lincoln High School at a cost of $70 000 and a new Attucks Ward school at a cost of $45,000 G. N. Grish is principal of the form r and J. Dallas Bowser of the latter school.

Sandy Edwards and Leon Jordan are the largest colored real estate dealers in Kansas City, Mo.

John Hord, formerly of the New Albany Hotel in Kansas City, Mo., has just inherited five hundred acres of farm land in the Indian Territory.

W. H. Bell, one of the True Reformer directors, will establish a mercantile business in Kansas City. Mo., soon.

J. F. Basil, one of Kansas City's business men, will open a poultry farm soon with a strong capital.

The colored people of Petersburg, Va, are erecting a hospital which will be known as the "Dunbar Memorial Hospital" in honor of Paul Lawrence Dunbar.

The Cleveland Journal is making preparations to celebrate its third anniversary March 21. A big meeting is planned for the Antioch Baptist Church, and Prof. Stratton D. Brooks, president of the Cleveland School Board, will deliver an address.

At the banquet tendered in honor of Dr. Booker T. Washington by the local Business League of Washington, D. C., the following toasts were appropriately responded to: "Photography as a Business," by Daniel Freeman; "Insurance Among Colored People," by George S. Collins; "Dry Goods and Notions," by Mrs M. T. Mossell; 'Contracting and Building," by Joseph Manning; "Drug Stores," by Mrs. Amanda V. Gray.

Out of the one hundred and ten drug stores in Washington, D. C., elev n are owned by Afro-Americans.

Bramlette and Abernathy are prosperous tailors at Pulaski, Tenn., and J. M. Gentry is doing well in the shoe business. S. S. Johnson has a thriving grocery store.

The Mechanics' Savings Bank of Richmond, Va., started five years ago under difficulties and discouragements, with the energetic John Mitchell, Jr., as president. The first year's business amounted to over $120 000, and the increase has been steady until last year the clearings were ove half a million.

Mrs. Dora Leonard, a fashionable white woman, was fined, the other day, by a St. Louis judge $10 for contempt of court, and was forced to pay it, with the alternative of going to jail. Mrs. Leonard was prosecuting a domestic formerly in her employ, and being examined by Attorney H. H. Hofer, colored, who appeared for the defense, she refused to answer certain questions held by the court to be germane, saying "I don't have to answer a nigger." She paid the $10.

The Voice of the People brings out Mr Walter P Hall, a prominent layman of Philadelphia, for the financial secretaryship of the A. M. E Church on the presumption that Dr E W. Lampton, the present incumbent, has a clear road to the Bishopric. Mr. Hall may be a good citizen and the possessor of rare business ability, but if a layman dares to seriously aspire to the ante-room of the Bishop's Council, we know some people who would have a fit. Bishop Turner's paper has another guess coming to it.

Richmond, Va., has six weeklies published by Afro Americans.

Carnegie Library at the Normal Industrial Institute, Alabama, was burned recently. The insurance brought some money for rebuilding, and Mr. Carnegie readily agreed to supply the remainder needed, and the fine structure will soon be replaced.

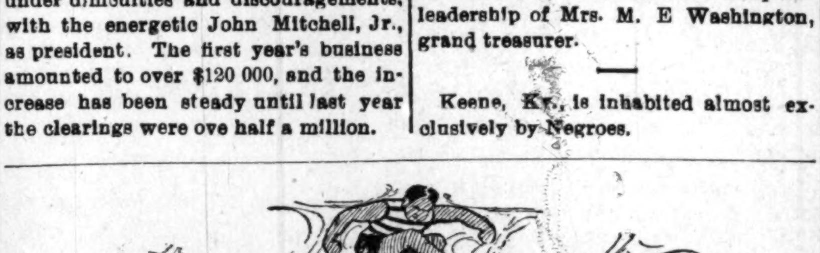
Rev. I. L. Thomas, field worker for the church extension service of the M. E Church among colored people, has gone to Cuba. His work this year has been phenomenally successful.

At the recent meeting of the Students' Volunteer Movements for Foreign Missions, held at Nashville, Tenn., the color line was drawn against the delegates from Fisk, Howard University, Morris Brown, Atlanta University, Wilberforce and other colored colleges space being provided in one corner of the building for them. The representatives of the colored schools withdrew from the assembly, and may decline to have anything further to do with the work. The action of the managers is being roundly denounced in religious and educational circles.

The Dayton Journal will receive subscriptions looking to the erection of a suitable monument over the remains of Paul Lawrence Dunbar at Dayton, Ohio Donations in any amount, from $1.00 up, may be sent to the Dayton Journal, to Dr. D. W. Clark, 220 W. Fourth street, Cincinnati, or to Mrs. Malinda Dunbar, 219 N. Summit street, Dayton, Ohio.

The Good Samaritan Lodges of Louisville, Ky., have furnished a beautiful room at the Citizens' National Hospital of that city under the broad and capable leadership of Mrs. M. E Washington, grand treasurer.

Keene, Ky., is inhabited almost exclusively by Negroes.



John L. Footslug.

There are many persons who have followed pug sport for a great many years are not aware of the fact that the venerable Doc Hyde of Indianapolis, Ind., was at one time a prince in the fistic arena. Hyde was known to be very scientific, and generally got his man if given the opportunity. Since his retirement Doc has fitted out a headquarters at 776 and 778 Indiana avenue where he invites the sporting fraternity to attend at all times.

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Many base ball teams are springing up this season. Indianapolis will have the pleasure of enjoying many games. The Herculeans, who play such good football, will organize a team, and are now out with a declaration that they will win the championship in base ball as easily as they did football throughout the States of Indiana and Ohio. The first great game of the season is likely to be played by the "Spit Balls" and the A. B. C. clubs.

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Ike Barrett, boxing instructor of the Indianapolis Atheletic Association, may meet Beverly Howard, boxing instructor of the Eastern Athletic Club, at a date not far off. Should these two very scientific men come together every one can be assured of witnessing one of the fastest fights ever given before an Indiana gathering.

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As Deck Mitchell announced at the ring side of the Hogan and Schob fight on the night of March 2 at Realty Hall that he challenged the winner, it is now up to Hogan for he was given the decision.

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William Grizzard, proprietor of the Rosebud saloon at Kansas City, Mo., has a very artistic design of a tiger at his saloon. It draws much attention. It keeps everybody asking for Harper's high balls

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PUT COLORED PEOPLE OUT.

Not many months ago the so-called superior white members of the Seventh Day Adventist church of Springfield, Ill., deliberately kicked out of their church all members of Afro-American blood And we have been informed that the only excuse offered to justify them in their hellish deed is the question of intermarriage of the races. Although no intermarriages have occurred between the colored and white members of the congregation, yet it is openly confessed that the whites were getting very anxious about their daughters lest they marry colored men Nothing of course was mentioned about the young men of the white race marrying colored young women on the European plan that goes you know as a part of the privilege accorded the so-called superior race. It is truly heart rendering to see these poor dejected colored people holding meetings from house to house trying to keep their little band together, while the church of their choice stands there almost depopulated, which is another example showing a complete repetition of the old Bible story of the rich man and Lazarus. It is said that many stormy sessions were held before the plan to throw the colored out of the church was acted upon.

Some of the white members fought against it to the end, and are still worshipping with the colored people. It is also reported that at one of these sessions a white member asked the president which would he prefer a good Christian colored man marry his daughter or a white man who is a sinner? In answer to this question the president said he would rather his daughter marry an infidel than a "nigger." A reporter of The Freeman interviewed the new president Rev. W. D. Parkhurst a few days ago but received no word of encouragement. In answer to a direct question Rev Parkhurst admitted that he did not believe the matter could ever be adjusted in any way to induce the whites to reinstate the colored people again.

GEORGE H. JONES

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

That J. D. Baltimore is an inventor of a pyrometer.

That Hiram R. Revels, a Negro, took Jefferson Davis' seat in the senate.

That Martin R. Delaney was elected mayor of Greytown, Central America.

That J. Milton Turner is considered to be one of the best orators of the day.

That in 1885 Richard T. Greener was appointed chief service examiner of New York City.

That Robert Smalls stole the steamer Planter from the Confederates and delivered it to the Federals.

That James E. J. Capitien, a Negro, published at Amsterdam, in 1742, a small quarto volume in Dutch.

That John R. Lynch was the speaker of the house of representatives of the Mississippi Legislature in 1871.

That John M. Langston was minister resident and consul general to Hayti under Presidents Hayes, Garfield and Arthur's administration.

KEOKUK, IOWA.

Rev. M. Smothers of the Seventh Street Baptist Church made a flying trip, last week to several southern points Ho is much pleased with the outlook —Rev. Green of Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church has started a revival meeting and doing well —The funeral of Mrs. Reeter was largely attended from the A. M. E. Church, Wednesday afternoon.—The weather has put on many changes in the last two weeks.—Business is looking up owing to the water power boom so much talked of —Mr. Paston, an aged resident of Keokuk, was found dead in his bed last week. Heart trouble was the cause —The Odd Fellows gave a successful entertainment at their hall last week —It is reported that Alonzo Draine, one of our popular young colored men, will start an ice cream establishment in the near future. —Patronize home trade if you want to build up the race business.—We have quite a large number of colored business men. Why not advertise in The Freeman and reach the outside world; build up race pride by uniting interests and money —Mrs. Penock died of typhoid pneumonia at her home, Twentieth and Morgan streets.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., K OF P'S HOLD MEMORIAL SERVICES.

The Knights of Pythias and Courts of Calanthe paid a tribute of love and memory with eloquent and tender eulogies to their departed at the C. M. E church, February 25 Knight J. R. Marks was master of ceremonies; H Grainger, prelate. Capt. E. L Bowen delivered the address on "Pythian Knighthood;" J. L. Washington on "Our Endowment," Capt. P. R. Asford on "Our Sir Knights." Col. B. F. Johnson, V. G. C., made the memorial address, He said in part: "You may break, you may shatter the rose if you will, but the scent will hang around it still, and so the ever moving hand of time may change the government of our order and brother may come and brother may go out at will, but the memory of those who have departed will hang around us still." The sermon was preached by Rev. L. H. Brown.

WOODVILLE, TEX.

Mrs B Brickman who has been the guest of her parents has returned home.—Miss E, L Kiles has returned to her school.—R H. Franks is visitsng his brother, at Bisway, Tex —Rev. L. E. Mitchell of the M. E church has organized an Epworth League with the following officers: H. Bradford, president; I W. Whitfield, 1st vice-pres.; Jessie Seals, 2nd. vice —Rev W. T. Boulding, of Beaumont, Tex, filled his regular appointment at the Pleasant Hill Baptist church and raised thirty dollars for pastoral collection. B. H. Farmer, superintend of the Sunday-school is making preparations for an elaborate Easter program —Call on J W. Whitfield for The Freeman every Saturday.

MOBERLY, MO.

The concert given at the Fifth street Baptist church by Dudley, Baker and others recently was such a success that it was repeated at the A. M. E. church. The noted evangelist, W. H Robinson, gave an interesting discourse on the race question at the Forum at Gillam's Chapel A paper was read by J. L. Jones, a challenge from the Macon College for a debate was accepted; date to be decided upon A mock trial was held March 12 —Bishop Grant was entertained by Elder S. D, Lovell last week and preached a wonderful sermon. Bishop Grant is a man of broad knowledge and an inspiration of God; a man whom the race should be proud of. In his discourse he dwelled on the point to overcome by saying that self was the greatest enemy to conquer. while in the city a plan was laid for a real feast in the wilderson at this place in July.—J. S. Evans left for conference March 13.—The Freemad is on sale at 551 West Coats streets —Alonza Althouse has opened a resturant at Fifth and Franklin streets. Everything in season. He will appreciate your patronage.

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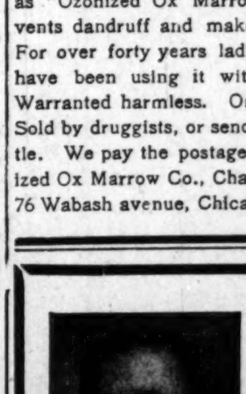

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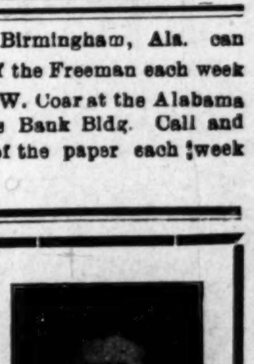

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CITY AND SOCIETY BRIEFS.

Mack Byrd, of Caicago was in the city recently.

S. E. Green, of Cairo, Ill, has come to the city for permanent residence.

Mrs. D. D. Hunter left Sunday for Frankfort Ky, for future residence,

Woodbine Perfume has magic powers. On sale at Blodau's Drug Store.

The Woman's Club will give a mask carnival at Odd Fellows Hall, Tuesday evening, March 27.

Mrs. Delilah Scott McCann, stenographer, and Miss Bertha Williams of the circulation department of The Freeman continue ill.

The Novelty Club will entertain Ernest Hogan and Company Friday evening, March 23, at Odd Fellows Hall. Strictly invitational.

The Ninth Presbyterian church will give a musicale at the Robert Gould Shaw School Sunday afternoon. G. W. Cable will make an address.

John H Lynch, assistant manager and treasurer, of Gazetter and Guide Publishing Company, of Buffalo, N. Y., was a caller at The Freeman.

The Arcadian Home Bakery will serve the best dinner in town Sunday, at their bakery, 1204 North West street Music will be furnished on piano that will be given away.

Some of the shining lights for the great Sumner League Minstrel, Dr. Joseph Ward, Wm. W. Waldon. W. H. Jackson, Homer Lucas, Joseph H. Broyles Major Gardiner, Emsirdell Stone, James Shelton, Charles Humble, Hayes Wilson, Irvin Hardy.

The two hundred members of the Sumner League will be seen to an advantage at Tomlinson Hall, March 26. Something doing from the moment the curtain swings upward. Stunts by the best people etc. The S. R. O. sign is expected very early in the proceedings.

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DEATHS.

William Tate, who was employed at the Kahn Tailoring Company for some time, died Sunday of heart desease, His remains were shipped to his home at Knoxville, Tenn., last Wednesday for burial.

Rhodes Miller, an old and respected citizen died Wednesday at the home of his daughters, in West Eleventh street. The funeral services were held Friday afternoon at Simpson Chapel, of which church he was a faithful member.

Owing to the death of his mother, Rev. George L, Davis, D. D., of Philadelphia was in the city a few days this week. A year ago she went to that city with her son at whose home she died. Rev. Davis brought the remains home for interment, which took place at Crown Hill last Tuesday. Funeral ceremonies were held at New Bethel Baptist church. Rev. Davis was formerly of Indianapolis where his two brothers still reside. He went East several years ago, attended Lincoln University of Pennsylvania from where he graduated and received the degree of D. D He is widely and favorably known here where his friends would like to see him holding forth as pastor.

CARD OF THANKS.

Mrs. D. D. Hunter desires to thank her friends for their kindness during her late bereavement.

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LOST RELATIVE.

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FT. WORTH, TEX.

Mrs Ellen McClenon gave a grand reception in honor of her son who was passing through en route to New York.

Y. M. C. A. Notes,

The monster meeting last Sunday was a big success notwithstanding the bad weather. The South Side Band under the direction of Prof. T Q Brown played several selections and Mr. Frank Johnson sung "The Holy City" by request.

The Hod Carriers' Union will turn out in a body tomorrow when Rev Charles Williams will be the speaker at 3 p. m, at Realty Hall.

Subject for discussion Tuesday night "Was the Bondage of the American Negro Severe and Degrading Than That of the Children of Israel?"

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We respectfully call the attention of our readers to the advertisement of the well known publishing house of Messrs Dodd, Mead and Company of New York placing in the reach of all the writings of our beloved poet, the late Paul Laurence Dunbar. As this advertisement will appear but once we advise you to order at once; mention The Freeman. See adv. in this issue.

WATERTOWN, N. Y.

Mrs. Ida McCondell, of Ogdensburg N. Y., is visiting her sister, Mrs Rosa Loucks in Vail street.—Andrew Anderson has moved to his home at 7 Vail street.—Mrs Isabella Wilson is improving from a severe attack of pneumonia.—Benjamin Barnes has recovered from a two weeks' illness and is attending to his duties at the Hotel Woodruff.—Mrs. Carrie Macklin who has been on an extended visit to her daughter at Denmark has returned home.—Mrs Emily Defrank continues ill—Mrs John Gaylor, Mrs. Susan Booker, of Newell street and Edward Thomas are ill.—Mrs. Emeline Buck, of Syracuse is visiting relatives at 91 Main street.—C. Wilson of the Woodruf House is visiting his parents at Rome, New York—Sunday evening, Rev J. C. Walter delivered an interesting sermon last Sunday.—The third annual concert of the Apron Bazaar at the A. M. E. Zion church will be given March 22, under the management of the stewardess board for the benefit of the pastor's salary, Refreshments will be under the direction of Mrs. Anna Spotford.

TWIN CITIES.

The Cross Club met with Mrs. N. Bolden Monday of last week. The members were entertained by Misses Mable Cushon, Ethel Reily and Mattie Gates.—The sewing circle met with Mrs. A R Lee in West Walnut street Richard Sissle, of Indianapolis was the guest of Miss Madeline Thompson at Urbana.—Miss Stella Stokes, of Danville and Guy Baptist were the guests of Miss Jessie Jordan at Champaigne

URBANA, O.

St. Paul's A. M. E. church began its revivals March 8.—Miss Videlia Weaver spent Sunday, the guest of her parents and Jesse Howard, of Troy, O., was the guest of Miss Essey Owens.—Pro. Wilson of the Curry School gave an interesting talk to the young people at St Paul church Sunday

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BISHOP SMITH ANSWERS.

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The Bishop stated in open conference that the funds thus applied must be collected and replaced during the ensuing year, and it is very likely that when the Doctor examines the minutes of 1906 he will find something other than the Bishop's residence to which he may call attention.

The Bishop who presides over this district must of necessity have headquarters in Kansas City, for, aside from other important duties which require his presence almost continuously, he, as President of the State and Church Boards of Western University, must examine and place his signature upon all vouchers before the State Treasurer will pay them. He has already passed upon $15,000 of the $35,000 appropriated by the last Legislature to the school.

We insisted that the presiding Bishop accept our Episcopal home as his headquarters, that he might perform these duties conveniently, and for this we have no apology to offer to Dr. Graham.

The present Bishop of this district has never received one penny from any conference in said district for his residence nor for traveling expenses to hold any of his conferences, and no Bishop has ever been with us who is more anxious to make the appropriations according to law than he. His position in the A. M. E. Church, with reference to the enforcement of law, economy and the proper use of funds, is too well known by the members of the thirty-seven conferences over which he has presided in the last eighteen years for Dr. Graham or any one else to inform them.

Though reticent in discussing the matter, we are sure that this Bishop's gifts to churches, needy ministers, widows, orphans and others will average not less than $350 per annum.

We believe that every minister of our denomination in this district would indorse every word that we have said in this article, were they given the opportunity, and be you well assured that whosoever represents us in 1908, at Norfolk, Va., will be fully able to take care of the Fifth Episcopal District.

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DIVORCE LEGAL.

Susan Sanborn vs Charles Sanborn } State of Indiana, Marion Co., ss: in the Superior Court of Marion county In the State of Indiana. No. 70973 Complaint Divorce.

BE IT KNOWN, That on the 7th day of March 1906 the above named plaintiff, by her attorney, filed in the office of the clerk of the superior court of Marion county. in the State of Indiana, her complaint against the above named defendant Charles Sanborn and the said plaintiff having also filed in said clerk's office the affidavit of a competent person, showing that said defendant Charles Sanborn is not a resident of the State of Indiana and said cause is for divorce and that the above namded defendant is a necessary party thereto and whereas said plaintiff having by endorsement on said complaint required said defendant to appear in said court, and answer or demur thereto on the 7th day of May 1906.

NOW, THEREFORE, By order of said court, said defendant last above named is hereby notified of the filing and pendency of said complaint against him and that unless he appear and answer or demur thereto, at the calling of said cause on the 7th day of May, 1906, the same being the first judicial day of a term of said court, to be begun and held at the court house in the city of Indianapolis, on the 1st Monday in May 1906 said complaint and the matters and things therein contained and alleged will be heard and determined in his absence.

WM. E. DAVIS, Clerk.

M. B. GOODING, Attorney for Plaintiff.

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POLITICAL NOTES

For Assessor of Marion county Albert A Womack, Subject to decision of Republican convention.

For Sherriff of Marion county Ed G. Sourbier, subject to the decision of the Republican convention.

Fred C. Gardner, candidate for treasurer of Marion county, subject to the Republican Nominating convention.

For Clerk of Marion County, Leonard M. Quill, Subject to decision of Republican Nominating Convention, March 31.

For Surveyor of Marion County, Henry W. Klausman. Subject to decision of Nominating Conventien, March 31

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